

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor Rushing presiding.

Council Members Present: Danny Hudspeth, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Dan Miller, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, Jason Pittman, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: J. L. Barnett, Ken Claud, Michael Skinner, Candace Dowdy, David Roberts, Dennis Thompson, Carol Roberts, Sarah Wade, Don Rogers, Thomas Clendenen, Matt Mattingly, Philip Morris, Gail Mullins, Harla McClure, and Warren Hopkins.

Minutes of the council meeting held January 25, 2007, were presented for approval. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Scott,** to approve the minutes as written. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for a voice vote, which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Resolution Number 2007-004 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD) for the industrial site acquisition in the amount of \$250,000 and to execute any necessary documents was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Bell** to approve same.

Matt Mattingly, Director of Administration, stated that this will allow the EDC to pursue acquiring land for expanding the industrial park.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Dan Miller, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, Jason Pittman, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYS: None.

Mayor Rushing recognized Danny Hudspeth, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and requested that he provide a report. Mr. Hudspeth stated the Committee met to discuss drafting an ordinance prohibiting the discharge of a firearm within the city limits. Mr. Hudspeth stated that after a lengthy discussion and hearing comments from the public, the Committee voted to table the issue.

Mayor Rushing recognized Bill Wells, Chair of the Finance/Personnel Committee, and

requested that he provide a report. Mr. Wells stated the committee met to discuss alcohol revenue from caterers and a sublease for the Chamber of Commerce.

Matt Mattingly, Director of Administration stated that the legislature has amended the statute to allow caterers to apply for an alcohol license in any territory that is wet. He stated that our ordinance needs to be amended to allow us to collect the 8% tax on alcohol sales.

Mr. Wells moved, as unanimously recommended by the Finance/Personnel Committee, to request the city attorney draft an ordinance amending the alcohol ordinance to include caterers. **Mr. Lancaster seconded the motion.** With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rushing recognized Councilman Miller. Dr. Miller stated that he has received several calls from the community regarding the council's vote on a Resolution for Goodwill Industries of Kentucky. He stated he would like to hear what his fellow council members felt regarding the vote.

Several council members stated that they were confident in the vote that was cast and that Goodwill will be good for the community and provide opportunities for individuals in our community who need it.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor

Attest:

Harla McClure, City Clerk